



KENNEDY CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SCHOOLS
KENNEDY CATHOLIC MIDDLE /HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The true mark of an educated mind is its expansiveness, as well as its intellectual curiosity. In this regard, the most vital enterprise is the ability to read and write. As an institution whose primary mission is to prepare students for four-year undergraduate programs, it is incumbent upon us to do all that we can to enlarge the intellectual horizons of our students.

With this in mind, Kennedy Catholic High School has reinstated the mandatory summer reading program for our students. A program such as this reminds our students that education and enrichment are a year-long endeavor. **For the summer of 2021, each student must read a book under the appropriate grade level that the student will be entering for the 2021-2022 school year.**

Attached is a **Summer Reading List** for each grade level. Each student is to choose a book from this list. In addition, students will complete and turn in a physical copy of the **Plot Diagram Worksheet**. This worksheet will help prepare each student for an assessment on the book during the first weeks of school.

On the first day of school, each student must turn in the **Summer Reading Verification Form** with the required signatures. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

The English Department

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Summer Reading List

7th Grade

- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank
- *A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata
- *Snow White* by Matt Phelan
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton

8th Grade

- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- *The Trials of Apollo* by Rick Riordan
- *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson

Plot Diagram Worksheet

Directions: Read through the definition for each part of the plot. Then, after reading your novel, fill in the blank boxes on the attached plot diagram.

Exposition: At the beginning of the story, characters, setting, and the main conflict are typically introduced.

Rising Action: The main character is in crisis and events leading up to facing the conflict begin to unfold. The story becomes complicated.

Climax: At the peak of the story, a major event occurs in which the main character faces a major enemy, fear, challenge, or another source of conflict. The most action, drama, change, and excitement occurs here.

Falling Action: The story begins to slow down and work towards its end, tying up loose ends.

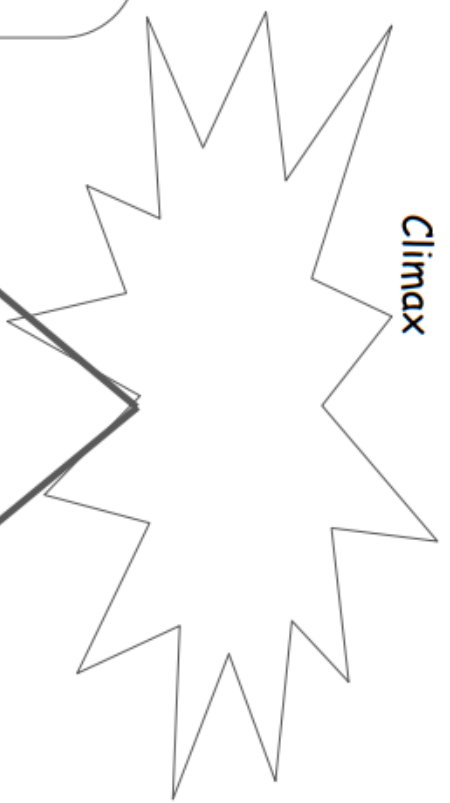
Resolution: Also known as the denouement, the resolution is like a concluding paragraph that resolves any remaining issues and ends the story.

Plot Diagram

Rising Action



Climax




Falling Action

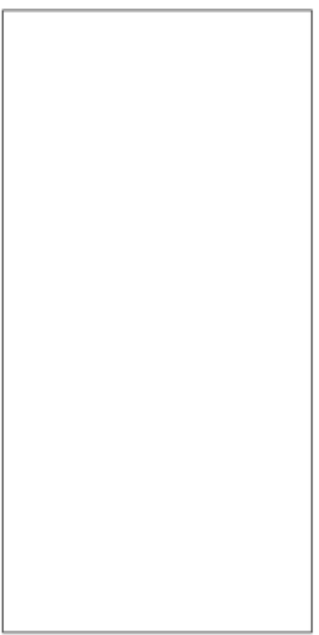


Exposition

Setting:
Characters:



Resolution



Summer Reading Verification Form

Completion of summer reading is a requirement in order to pass English for the year.

Student Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Title and Author: _____

I. Our signatures indicate that I/my child did complete the required summer reading.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

II. Our signatures indicate that I/my child did not complete the required reading. We hereby understand and acknowledge that the student will receive a zero for the assignment.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

In the spirit of the Kennedy Catholic Schools honor code of intellectual honesty, we are requiring the signature of both the parent and the student to verify the completion of this assignment.

Thank you.